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WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.



MY NAME IS
BARRY ALLEN.
I'M THE FLASH.

SUPERMAN AND
I HAVE RACED
MANY TIMES...

...BUT TODAY I
NEED HIM TO WIN.

THE MULTIVERSE
DEPENDS ON IT.



SEVEN DAYS AGO, CHALLENGERS' MOUNTAIN APPEARED IN GOTHAM CITY FROM A WORLD OF CHAOS CALLED THE DARK MULTIVERSE.*

IT WAS LIKE THE SHOT OF A STARTING GUN TO A RACE WITH NO END.

A RACE WHERE I'VE BEEN RUNNING AGAINST MY WORST FEARS, MADE REAL.

THE DEMON BARBATOS USED BATMAN AS A DOORWAY TO OUR WORLD AND BROUGHT THROUGH SEVEN NIGHTMARE VERSIONS OF BRUCE WAYNE.

PERVERSIONS OF NOT ONLY BATMAN, BUT OF THE LEAGUE AS WELL. THROUGH THEM, THE WORLD HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED.

* See METAL #1! --Tay

NOTHING SEEMS REAL ANYMORE.

I RUN...

...WE LOSE.

I KEEP GOING...

...IT HURTS.

SUPERMAN BELIEVES BATMAN IS ALIVE...

...SOMEWHERE IN THIS UNKNOWN REALM...

...THAT HE'S THE KEY TO SAVING THE WORLD.

EVERYONE ELSE HAS SCATTERED, LOOKING FOR ANSWERS...

...BUT ONLY I CAN HELP SEND SUPERMAN TO FIND BATMAN.

SO STEEL AND I CAME HERE, TO THE FORTRESS, TO LAUNCH OUR OWN SHOT BACK AT THE DARK MULTIVERSE.

I DON'T KNOW IF CENTRAL CITY IS STILL STANDING OR IF IRIS OR WALLY ARE ALIVE.

BUT I CAN HEAR BRUCE'S VOICE IN MY HEAD, SAYING WHAT HE ALWAYS SAYS WHENEVER I'M UNCERTAIN...



FFHHOOOSH



...**"JUST
RUN
FASTER,
BARRY!"**

YOU THINK
SUPERMAN MADE
IT, FLASH?

IN ALL MY TRAVELS WITHIN THE
MULTIVERSE, I'VE ALWAYS
APPRECIATED THE **ORDER**
OF IT, STEEL.

THE DARK MULTIVERSE,
ON THE OTHER HAND,
IS NOT ORDER.

IT'S **CHAOS**
GIVEN **FORM**...
BUT...



HOW CAN YOU
SEE SUPERMAN
FLY AND NOT BE
INSPIRED?

HE WILL
FIND BATMAN.
I KNOW IT.





I WISH I SHARED YOUR OPTIMISM, FLASH.

THE PORTAL TO THE DARK MULTIVERSE IS HOLDING STRONG... FOR NOW.

I'D LOVE TO STUDY THIS MACHINE.

IT CALLS TO THE METAL IN MY HAMMER...



IGNORE IT.

THE KNOWN MULTIVERSE EXISTS ON DIFFERENT VIBRATIONAL PLANES...

...AND THIS COSMIC TUNING TOWER WAS DESIGNED TO ALIGN THEM.

BUT BATMAN **STUDYING** IT IS PART OF WHY WE'RE ALL IN THIS MESS TO BEGIN WITH.

THE VIBRATIONS COMING OFF IT...



...I'VE FELT THEM... BEFORE.

WE'RE MEN OF **SCIENCE**, FLASH.

BUT WE DON'T NEED OUR DEGREES TO SEE THAT BATMAN HAD **NO BUSINESS** WITH A DEVICE OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

WE'LL DEAL WITH **THAT** AFTER SUPERMAN FINDS HIM. THEY'RE GOING TO NEED THIS PORTAL OPEN TO COME HOME.



HOPEFULLY, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S SATELLITE RELAY IS STILL WORKING...



FLASH TO JUSTICE LEAGUE. DO YOU READ ME?

SUPERMAN'S ENTERED THE PHANTOM ZONE TO FIND BATMAN. **PLEASE** TELL ME YOU'VE FOUND MOUNTAINS OF **NTH METAL** AND ARE ALREADY ON YOUR WAY BACK.



I WISH THAT WERE TRUE, FLASH.

THE GODS HAVE NOT BLESSED MY JOURNEY TO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY WITH DOCTOR FATE AND KENDRA SAUNDERS, BUT IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RETRIEVE THE NTH METAL, THEN IT WILL BE WORTH DIVINE WRATH.



HEY, SPACE IS NO PICNIC EITHER, WONDER WOMAN.

MR. TERRIFIC AND I ARE HEADING TO THE HIDDEN HEART OF THE REAL THANAGAR EMPIRE, AND I DO NOT LIKE FLYING BLIND INTO THE UNKNOWN LIKE THIS...



YOU ZZZRT? CAN'T.

CYBORG?! THAT YOU, BUDDY?

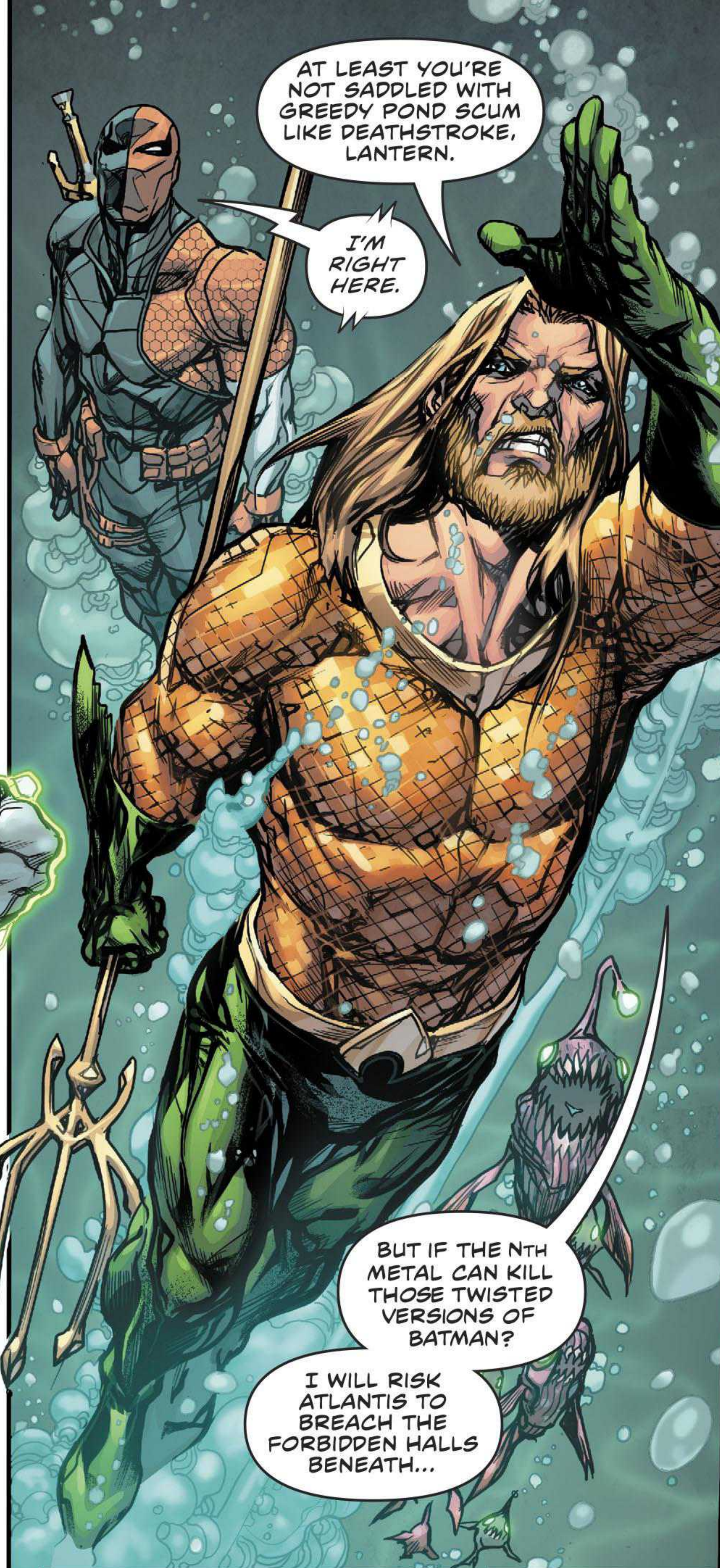


YES, FLASH... IT'S ME! YOU HAVE TO KNOW ZZZRT? YOU ARE OUT OF ZZZRT? TIME.



THEY

ARE



AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT SADDLED WITH GREEDY POND SCUM LIKE DEATHSTROKE, LANTERN.

I'M RIGHT HERE.

BUT IF THE NTH METAL CAN KILL THOSE TWISTED VERSIONS OF BATMAN?

I WILL RISK ATLANTIS TO BREACH THE FORBIDDEN HALLS BENEATH...



COMING FOR



YOU.



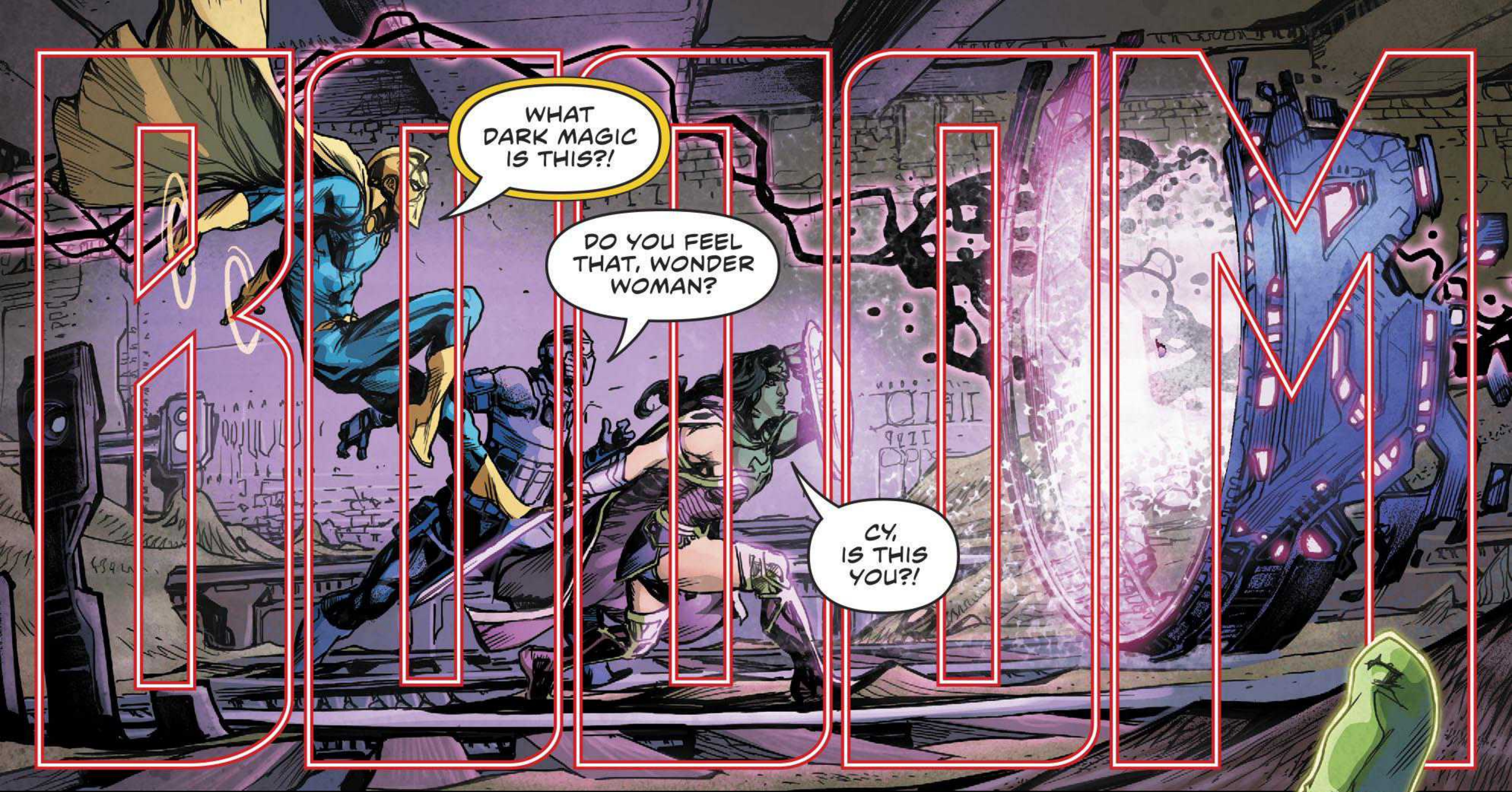
JUSTICE LEAGUE, I KNOW YOU'RE STRESSED, BUT REMEMBER WE CAN'T LET OUR FRUSTRATIONS GET IN THE WAY OF OUR TEAMWORK.

NOW, MY PART IN SUPERMAN'S GAME PLAN MIGHT BE DONE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY STEEL AND I ARE GOING TO STAND AROUND WHILE THE REST OF YOU RISK YOUR LIVES TO SAVE THE WORLD.

WHERE CAN I HELP?



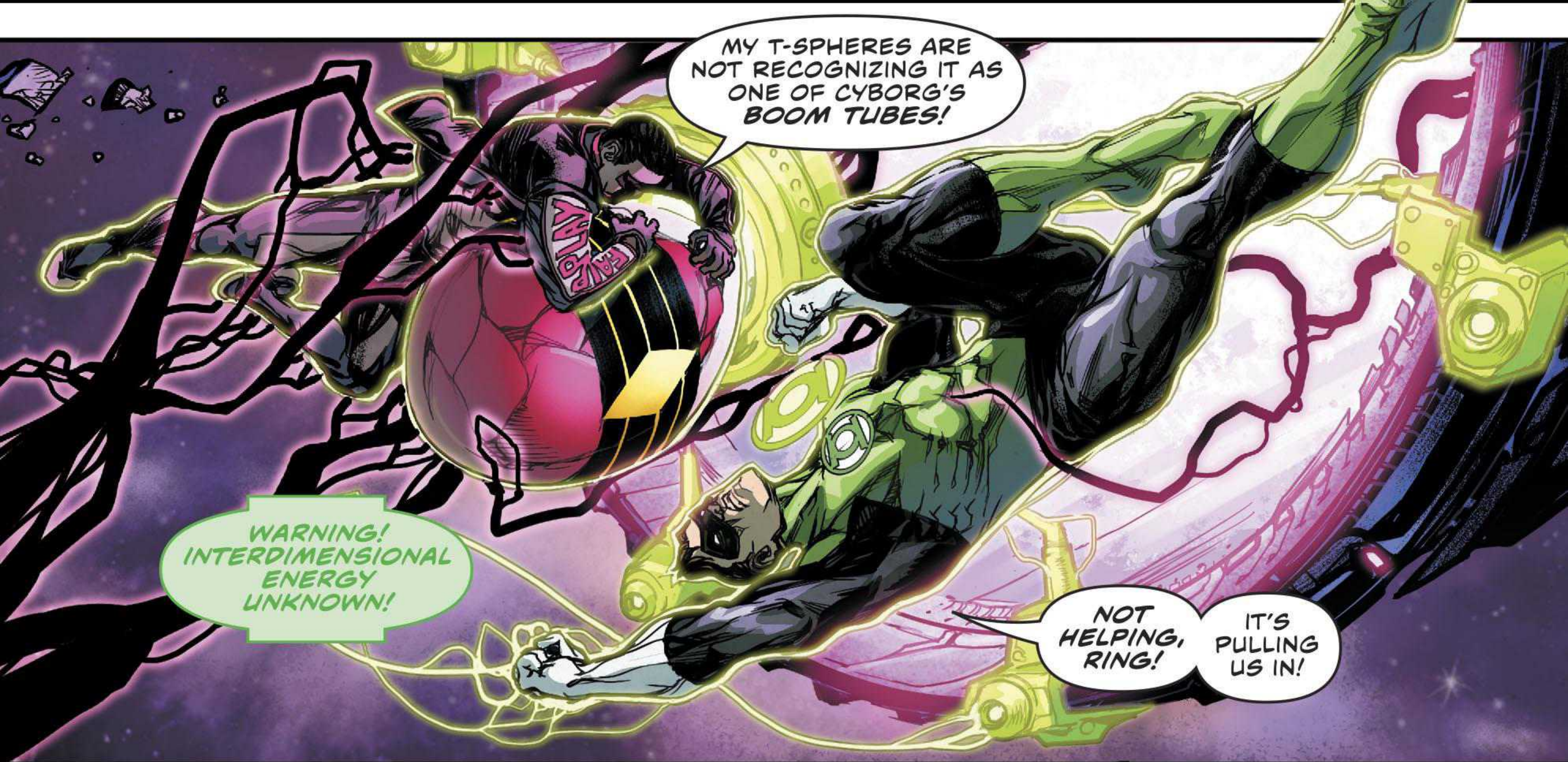
RUN.



WHAT
DARK MAGIC
IS THIS?!

DO YOU FEEL
THAT, WONDER
WOMAN?

CY,
IS THIS
YOU?!

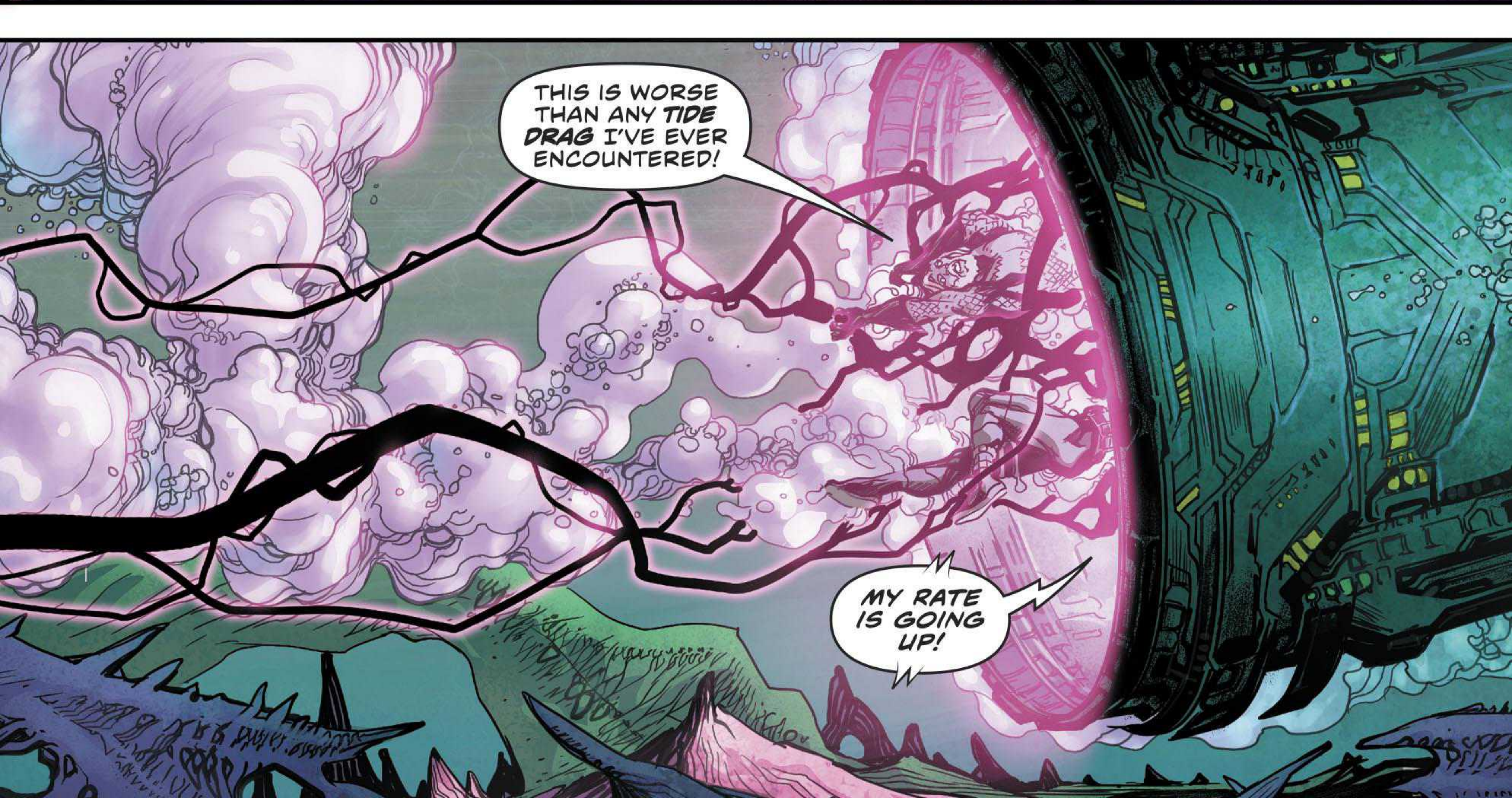


MY T-SPHERES ARE
NOT RECOGNIZING IT AS
ONE OF CYBORG'S
BOOM TUBES!

WARNING!
INTERDIMENSIONAL
ENERGY
UNKNOWN!

NOT
HELPING,
RING!

IT'S
PULLING
US IN!



THIS IS WORSE
THAN ANY TIDE
DRAG I'VE EVER
ENCOUNTERED!

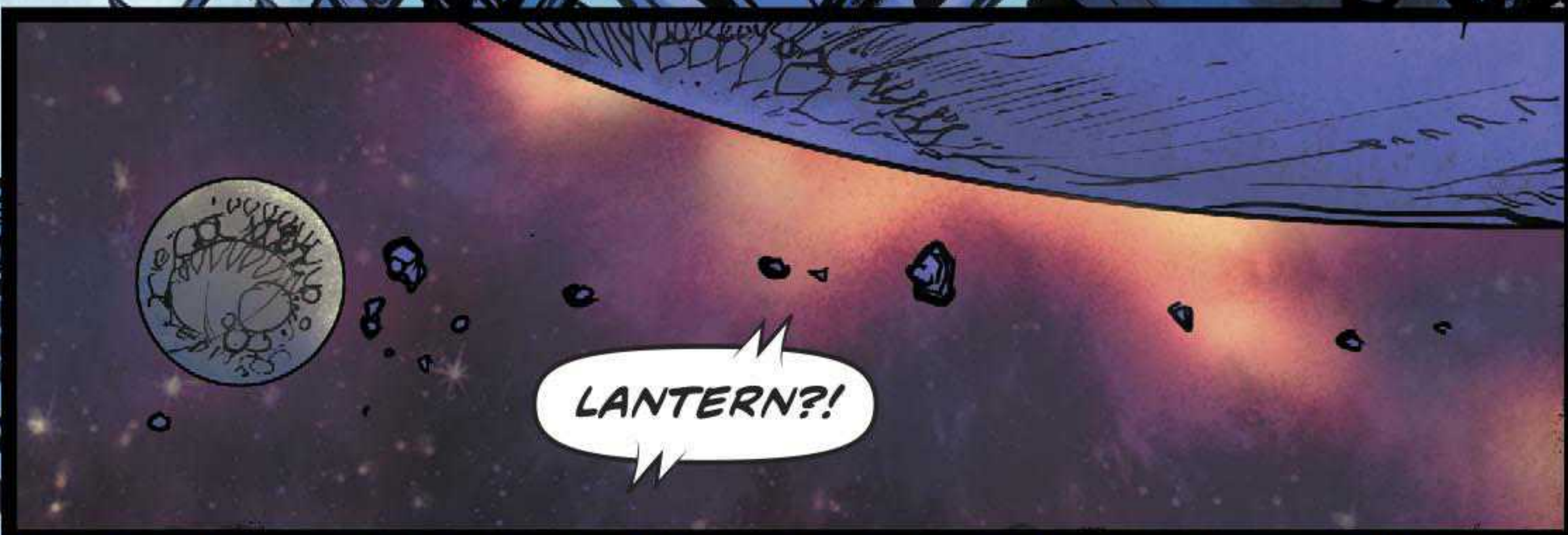
MY RATE
IS GOING
UP!



GUYS?!
TALK TO
ME!



WONDER
WOMAN?!



LANTERN?!



AQUAMAN?!



IS CYBORG
BRINGING THEM
HERE...?



NO...LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
ABOUT TO HAVE
SOME BAD
COMPANY.

I HAVE A
CONFESSION
TO MAKE,
FLASH.



I NEVER
LIKED
BATMAN.

YOU JUST
NEED TO GET
TO KNOW
HIM...

...AND YOU'RE
ABOUT TO HAVE
TWO CHANCES
RIGHT NOW!

MURDER MACHINE!

THE MAN OF STEEL IS MINE.

HE'S ALL YOURS, I'VE ALREADY KILLED ONE OF THOSE.

DEVASTATOR!

I DON'T CARE WHAT WORLD YOU'RE FROM, MY HAMMER WILL KNOCK YOU BACK THERE!

YOUR TECHNOLOGY IS IMPRESSIVE, AND YET...

...THERE WASN'T A VERSION OF YOU ON MY WORLD, STEEL.

HAS THAT DOOMSDAY VIRUS INFECTED YOUR MIND, DEVASTATOR, OR DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO BRING THAT COSMIC TUNING FORK TO BARBATOS?

YOU WILL LEARN NOT TO DOUBT ME, BATMAN WHO LAUGHS.

YOU WERE JUST NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH.

I'LL PRESENT THE COSMIC TUNING FORK TO THE MASTER...

HE'S JUST AS FAST AS SUPERMAN!



KRR

...AFTER I
REBUILD IT!

HHSSRR



THE
PORTAL!

SUPERMAN
AND
BATMAN...

THEY'RE
TRAPPED...



UHN...

LOOK AT
YOU...SUCH
A FAST
LEARNER.

WHICH
FLASH ARE
YOU, BY THE
WAY?

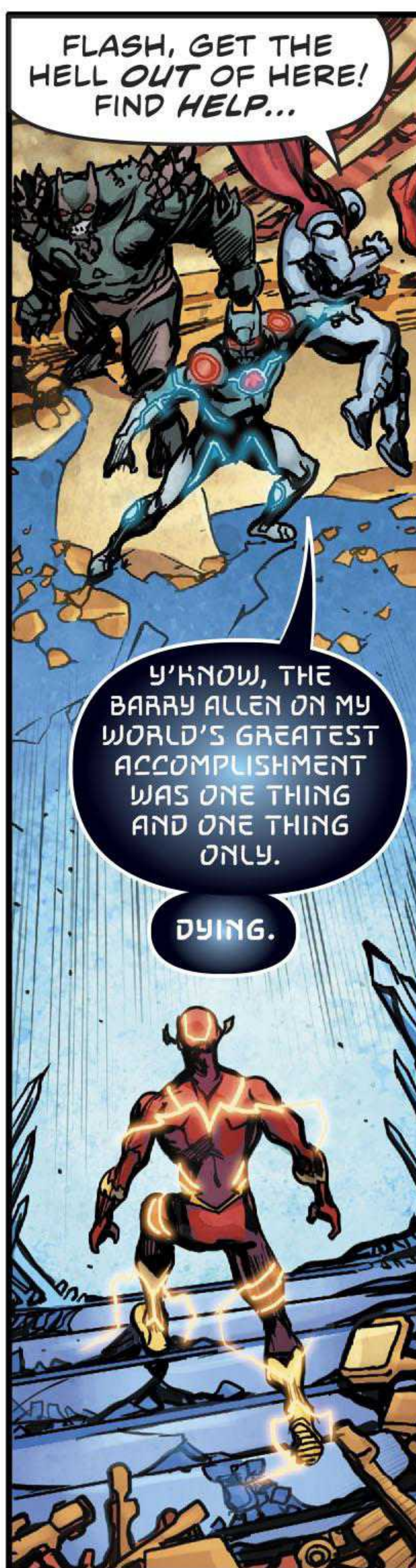


WALLY OR
BART...?

YOUR SPEED
FORCE IMPRINT
READINGS
SHOW...AH,
BARRY.

I'M
SO GLAD YOU
WEREN'T ALIVE
TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENED TO
ALFRED.

BUT I
MISSED OUR
CHATS ABOUT
FORENSICS, OLD
FRIEND.



FLASH, GET THE
HELL OUT OF HERE!
FIND HELP...

Y'KNOW, THE
BARRY ALLEN ON MY
WORLD'S GREATEST
ACCOMPLISHMENT
WAS ONE THING
AND ONE THING
ONLY.

DYING.



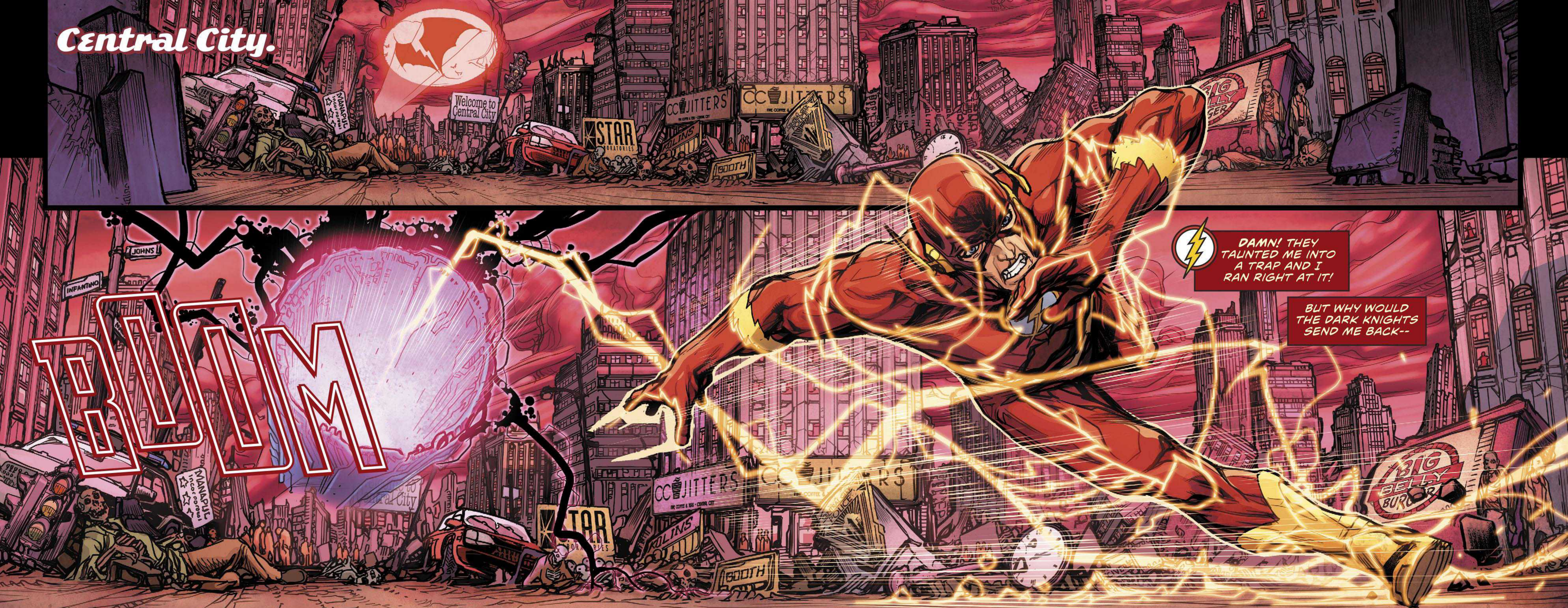
YEAH,
WELL, I
HAVE A
BAD HABIT
OF RACING
DEATH...



...AND
WINNING!

BOOM

Central City.



DAMN! THEY
TAUNTED ME INTO
A TRAP AND I
RAN RIGHT AT IT!

BUT WHY WOULD
THE DARK KNIGHTS
SEND ME BACK--

--HOME...?

FLASH!

WALLY...?

...IRIS...?

I-I'M SORRY,
IRIS--FOR JUDGING
YOU LIKE I DID.

RED DEATH...
HIS POWERS
MADE YOU SO
BRITTLE...BE
CAREFUL.

I KEEP
HOPING I'LL
WAKE UP FROM THIS
NIGHTMARE AND
FIND YOU SLEEPING
NEXT TO ME LIKE
BEFORE...

I'VE MISSED
YOU SO MUCH,
BARRY--I'M SORRY
I KILLED
THAWNE--

SHH...I KNOW. I
KNOW...I WON'T LET
ANOTHER MOMENT
PASS WITHOUT
YOU, IRIS.

I'LL GET
YOU AND WALLY
OUT OF CENTRAL
CITY. I'LL
SAVE--

FLASH!

KR
RAK
K

...IN THE
END...

...ALL
ROADS
LEAD
BACK...

AGHHH!

...TO
DARKNESS.





WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?! THE DARK ENERGY MUST BE GETTING STRONGER...

...SUPERMAN SAID HE HAD HORRIFIC VISIONS IN METROPOLIS THAT SHOWED HIM LOSING OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

UGH!



I HAVE TO GET BACK TO--

FLASH?

AQUAMAN?!



WE APPEAR TO BE IN CONTACT AGAIN...BUT I'VE LOST DEATHSTROKE.



I'M CURRENTLY FLYING SOLO AS WELL.



THEY SEPARATED US FROM OUR ALLIES. THEY WANTED US ALONE.



JUSTICE LEAGUE?! ÆZRTÆ I'M USING EVERY BIT OF MY ÆZRTÆ PROGRAMMING TO KEEP US TALKING, BUT IT'S GETTING ÆZRTÆ HARDER.

EVERYONE IS BEING TAKEN TO GOTHAM...BARBATOS WANTS YOU FOUR TOGETHER...IT'S...BAD... IT'S...HE WANTS TO ÆZRTÆ **CREECH**..



CYBORG?!

YOU'RE BREAKING UP! YOU THERE?!

DAMN! THE DARKNESS IN HERE IS IMPENETRABLE!

DON'T WORRY, HAL...



BRUCE?! OH MY GOD, IT'S SO GOOD TO HEAR YOUR--

EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OKAY.

ARE YOU IN THE DARK WITH US, TOO?



TRSHHH

YES, LET ME HELP YOU FIND THE LIGHT, BARRY.



I KNOW I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BRUCE YOU WERE Hoping FOR.

BUT I AM BRUCE. WE ALL ARE.

LET ME REMIND YOU OF A STORY WE HAVE IN COMMON.



ON MY WORLD, I DEVELOPED WAYS TO ELIMINATE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...

THEN THEY FOUND OUT AND WERE SO DISAPPOINTED IN ME. I BETRAYED THEIR TRUST.



IT WAS A DARK TIME FOR THE LEAGUE.

BUT IN ALL HONESTY...I WAS HOLDING BACK.

NOW IMAGINE IF SEVEN BRUCE WAYNES PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER...WHAT HORROR THEY COULD BE CAPABLE OF.



IF THEY WERE TO, SAY...DEVELOP SEPARATE MURDEROUS BATCAVES METICULOUSLY DESIGNED WITH EACH OF YOU IN MIND.

SO I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE OUR WORK, BECAUSE...



...YOU'RE GOING TO DIE HERE.

HA.
HA.
HA.

 I CAN HEAR BRUCE'S VOICE...

...BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IT'S NOT TELLING ME TO GO FASTER.

IT'S TELLING ME THAT THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN...

NEXT: THE JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. THE DARK KNIGHTS
in **JUSTICE LEAGUE #32.**
AND IN TWO WEEKS MEENA RETURNS
in **FLASH #34 BLACK HOLE PART II!**